

REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action dated September 6, 2006, claims 1-22 were pending in this application. Of those claims, claims 8-11 and 19-22 have been withdrawn from consideration pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.142(b). Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 5, 6, and 16-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants also acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, discussed below.

In this amendment, claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 12, 13, 17, and 18 have been amended, and claims 3-5 and 14-16 canceled. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations recited in claims 3 and 5 (independent form of claim 5); claim 7 has been amended to be in independent form based on claims 1, 3, and 4; claim 12 has been amended to be include all the limitations recited in claims 14 and 16 (independent form of claim 16); and claim 18 has been amended to be in independent form based on claims 12 and 14. In addition, claim 2 has been amended to be dependent on claim 1 or 7, claim 6 has been amended to be independent on claim 1; claim 13 has been amended to be dependent on claim 12 or 18; and claim 17 has been amended to be dependent on claim 12.

Claim 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

The Examiner pointed out the term “the representative color” lacks proper antecedent basis. In this Amendment, the term has been deleted. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 7 is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

Claims 1-4 and 12-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Laney et al.

The rejection of claims 1-4 and 12-15 has been rendered moot by this Amendment. Now, claims 1 and 12 include allowable subject matter of claims 5 and 16, respectively, and claims 7 and 18, indicated to be allowable, are in independent form. Claims 2 and 13 are dependent on independent claims 1, 7, 12, and 18. Claims 3, 4, 14, and 15 have been cancelled.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully solicit withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-4 and 12-15, and favorable consideration thereof.

Conclusion

It should, therefore, be apparent that the imposed rejections have been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

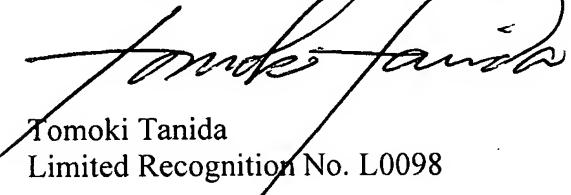
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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